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Colonel Ken Riddle was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Armor in 1985 from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. After attending the Armor Officer Basic Course, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 37th Armor, 2nd Brigade, 1ID(M) at Fort Riley, Kansas where he served as a Tank Platoon Leader, HHC Executive Officer, and Tank Company Executive Officer.

COL Riddle then attended the Command General Staff College from 1997 to 1998 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Following school at Fort Leavenworth, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Following a six month deployment to Bosnia, he was assigned as the Operations Officer (S3) of 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. Upon completing this assignment, COL Riddle moved to Stuttgart, Germany where he was assigned to HQ United States European Command, in the Policy and Plans Directorate (J5).

In May of 2002 COL Riddle took command of the 1st Battalion 63rd Armor Regiment in Vilseck, Germany where he deployed his unit to Iraq for OIF 1. Following battalion command, he served as the Aide de Camp to the Commanding General United States Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. He was then assigned as a student at the National War College in Washington, DC.

COL Riddle most recently served as the Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the Citadel, a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University, and a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War college.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), Army Commendation Medal (2 awards), Army Achievement Medal (8 awards), the National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), and the NATO Medal. COL Riddle has earned the Ranger Tab and Parachutist badge.



As Monroe Community College's fifth president, Anne M. Kress, Ph.D. leads a nationally-recognized, multi-campus college that enrolls more than 37,000 students annually. Dr. Kress brings to MCC more than 20 years experience as an educator and administrator in higher education, including her most recent position as the provost and vice president of academic affairs at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Florida.

Armed with a passion for student success and a commitment to community partnerships and academic excellence, while at Santa Fe College, President Kress led many successful collaborations resulting in new, innovative President Kress brought a focus on student recognition and achievement to the college, establishing the Research in Undergraduate Education Initiative and the Student Research Symposium. During her tenure, she helped to plan three new educational facilities. In addition, President Kress has written or co-authored a number of scholarly publications, including a rhetoric and composition textbook.



During her first few months at MCC, President Kress has already launched a number of new initiatives, including plans for an Honors College and a robust international education effort, the creation of a college-wide budget resource committee, and more meaningful collaborations with the Rochester City School District. Her leadership has already resulted in a recent grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to begin an Early College High School in Collaboration with the city school district. She has also moved quickly to align MCC more effectively with area workforce and economic development needs, working closely with Greater Rochester Enterprise and the Rochester Business Alliance, testifying in front of the Governor of New York's task force on diversifying the state's economy through industry-higher education partnerships, and serving as a keynote panelist at the Rochester's recent Eyes on the Future conference.

President Kress currently serves as a member of the SUNY Strategic Planning "Group of 200"; on the boards of Greater Rochester Enterprise, the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Institute for Community College Development, and as member of the M&T Bank Directors Advisory Council.

Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

Musical Prelude

198th Army Band

Sounding of Assembly

Posting of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard, MSG Bing Reaves, USAR

Singing of the National Anthem

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

Invocation

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, USAR

POW/MIA Remembrance

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

Dr. Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Korean War Veterans

Taps

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

Amazing Grace

Les Carr of the Rochester Pipers

Singing of God Bless America

Welcome

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, USA - Retired

Greetings

Honorable Maggie Brooks, County Executive, Monroe County

Honorable Robert Duffy, Mayor, City of Rochester

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Colonel Ken Riddle, Garrison Commander, Ft Drum

~ Lunch being Served ~

Honorary Chair

Dr. Anne M. Kress, President, Monroe Community College

Guest Speakers

Colonel Ken Riddle, Garrison Commander, Ft Drum

Closing Remarks

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, USA - Retired

Retiring of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard

Benediction

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, USAR

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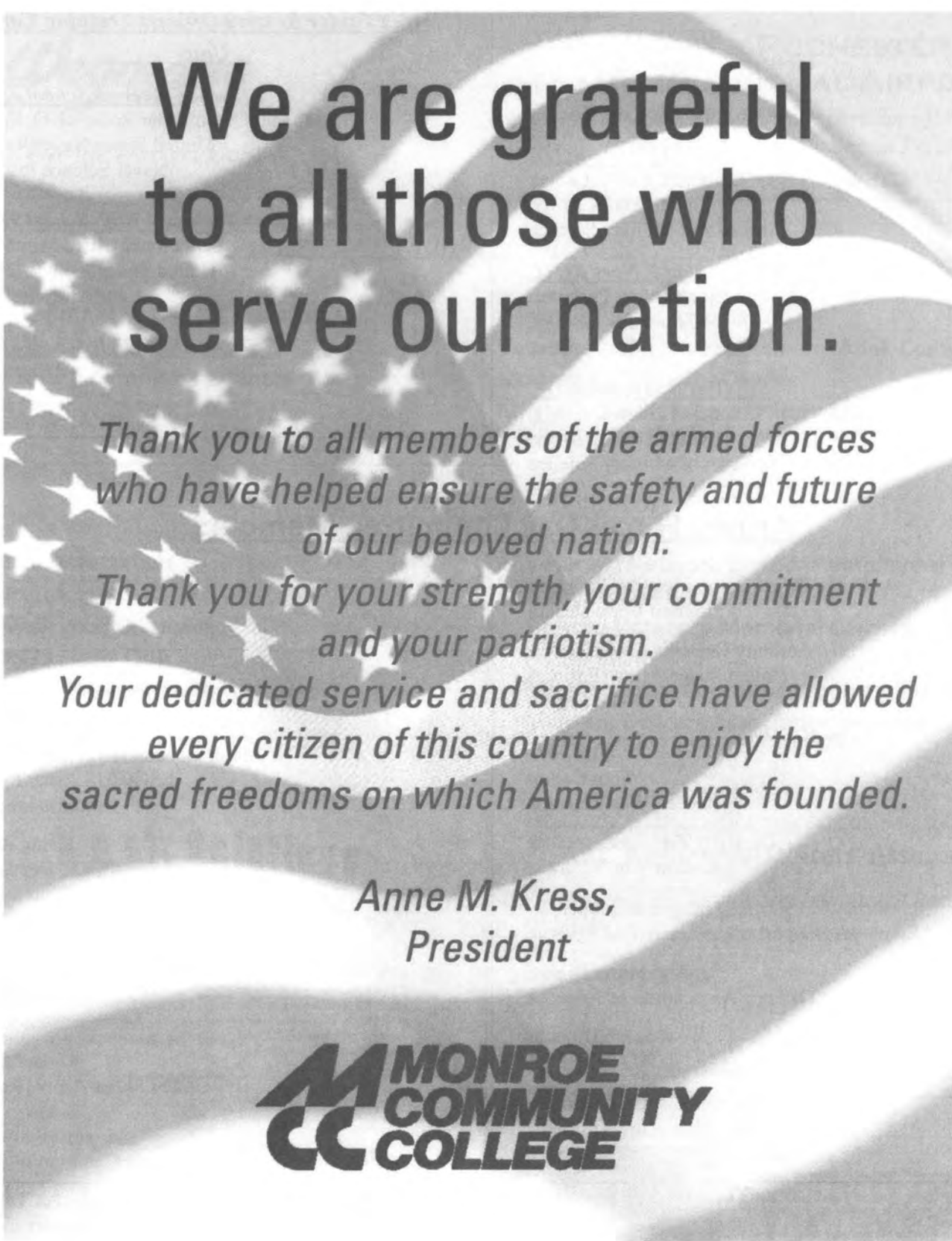
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*Thank you to all members of the armed forces
who have helped ensure the safety and future
of our beloved nation.*

*Thank you for your strength, your commitment
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Today there are more than 70 regional hubs. There are also 8,000 veterans located beyond those hubs on a national registry who wait a full year to be called for their Honor Flight. Based on recent statistics, every day we lose more than more 1,200 WWII veterans across the country.

The mission of Honor Flight is more than timely; it is urgent!
Very importantly, due to generous private donors like you, our honored heroes travel absolutely free.

In June 2008 Rochester became an official hub in the Honor Flight Network. Since then our founding board and core group of volunteers have been actively engaged in building a viable organization to provide travel opportunity to hundreds, rather than handfuls, of veterans residing in the greater Rochester community.

This can only happen with generous support from Rochester's private community. Honor Flight accepts no government funding, nor partisan political sponsorships. We do seek the support of individuals and corporate partners, even as we develop broad community fund raising programs with organizations such as VFW and American Legion Posts, fraternal business groups, scouts, churches, synagogues, etc. Special attention and curriculum guidance is being directed to schools, and those history or social studies classrooms where WWII Veterans are invited in as speakers.



"How Big Are Your Shoes?..."

Close working relationships have developed with local veterans organizations including Rochester's Veterans Outreach Center. Incorporated as a NY not-for-profit, Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) public charity, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent determined by law. (Guardian travel fees are payments for service and do not typically qualify for tax deductions.)

Our urgent objective is to accommodate local WWII veterans who otherwise would never visit their own memorial. Honor Flight is our way of paying a small tribute to those who gave so much to us – everything we have today – our very way of life. As one observer put it, "They were all just kids. And all they did was... save the world." At Honor Flight we are committed to providing these heroes with, quite literally, a safe and memorable trip of a lifetime.

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Gold Star Mothers

Beginnings

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, George Vaughn Seibold, 23, volunteered, requesting assignment in aviation. He was sent to Canada where he learned to fly British planes since the United States had neither an air force nor planes. Deployed to England, he was assigned to the British Royal Flying Corps, 148th Aero Squadron. With his squadron, he left for combat duty in France. He corresponded with his family regularly. His mother, Grace Darling Seibold, began to do community service by visiting returning servicemen in the hospitals.

Grace continued to visit hospitalized veterans in the Washington area, clinging to the hope that her son might have been injured and returned to the United States without any identification. While working through her sorrow, she helped ease the pain of the many servicemen who returned so war-damaged that they were incapable of ever reaching normalcy.

But on October 11, 1918, George's wife in Chicago received a box marked "Effects of deceased Officer 1st Lt. George Vaughn Seibold". The Seibolds also received a confirmation of George's death on November 4th through a family member in Paris.

George's body was never identified.

Grace, realizing that self-contained grief is self-destructive, devoted her time and efforts to not only working in the hospital but extending the hand of friendship to other mothers whose sons had lost their lives in military service.



She organized a group consisting solely of these special mothers, with the purpose of not only comforting each other, but giving loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home.

Grace Darling Seibold

The organization was named after the Gold Star that families hung in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran.

After years of planning, June 4, 1928, twenty-five mothers met in Washington, DC to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

The success of our organization continues because of the bond of mutual love, sympathy, and support of the many loyal, capable, and patriotic mothers who while sharing their grief and their pride, have channeled their time, efforts and gifts to lessening the pain of others.

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Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense".



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Temple of Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar was exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.